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During the same period there were reported 18 cases of smallpox with no deaths, and the movement of the smallpox hospital for the month of February was the following: Existing from January, 30; entering during February, 35; total, 65. Left during February, 34; died during February, 2; total, 36. Remaining under treatment, 29.

Week ended March 11, 1905, 64 bodies were interred.

Causes of interment: Arterio-sclerosis, 3; asphyxia, 1; asthma, 1; cancer, 1; cerebral congestion, 3; diarrhea and dysentery, 5; gangrene, 1; malarial fevers, 5; meningitis, 1; nephritis, 1; organic diseases of heart, 4; pneumonia, 1; pulmonary tuberculosis, 10; other forms of tuberculosis, 1; senile debility, 1; septicæmia, 2; smallpox, 1; stillborn, 7; syncope, 1; tetanus, 1; tetanus neonatorum, 4; other causes, 9.

During the same period there were reported 6 cases of smallpox

with 1 death.

Reports from Rio de Janeiro—Inspection of vessels—Mortuary statistics—Plague, smallpox, and yellow fever.

Acting Assistant Surgeon Stewart reports, March 8 and 15, as follows:

During the week ended the 4th instant the following vessels were inspected by me and issued bills of health from this office: On the 1st instant the German steamship *Catania*, for New York, with a cargo of coffee, no passengers, and 2 new members of the crew taken on in this port; on the 4th instant, the British steamship *Tennyson*, with a cargo of coffee, — first-class passengers, — steerage passengers, and 2 new members of the crew taken on in this port.

No other vessels left here for United States, Canal Zone, or Cuban

ports during the week.

## The plague epidemic in Chile.

A dispatch of date of the 3d instant from Santiago states that the Government has ordered the closing of the large schools as a measure against the spread of plague, and in addition has put in force many measures to prevent the introduction of plague into Santiago.

A dispatch of date of the 8th instant states that the intensity of the

epidemic in Pisagua has somewhat diminished.

## Plague in Portuguese territory.

A dispatch of date of the 3d instant from Lisbon, Portugal, states that the plague is epidemic in Govuro, near the bay of Bartholomeu Dias, and that the infection is supposed to have been brought there from the Transvaal. Many persons are leaving the locality, and all necessary measures are being taken to prevent the spread of the infection.

Mortality and vaccination in Buenos Ayres, Argentina.

During the month of February there were in Buenos Ayres, with a population of 905,000 persons, 1,317 deaths. During the 4 days, February 27, 28, March 1 and 2, there were 15,000 vaccinations made in Buenos Ayres.